

**Bridges Preparatory Board of Directors
Minutes of the Monthly Board Meeting, 10/26/2021
Held at Bridges Preparatory Main Campus, 555 Robert Smalls Parkway, Beaufort SC
29906**

Board Member Attendance

	Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
1	Tom Angelo	Board Chair	x			
2	Bryan Merrick	Vice Chair	x			
3	Chris Ketchie	Treasurer		x		
4	Vacant	Director				
5	Jon Brown	Secretary	x			
6	Mark Rennix	Director	x			
7	David Gault	Director	x			
8	Joe Cooper	Director	x			x
9	Gordon Sproul	Director	x			

Staff Members in Attendance: Gary McCulloch, Daniel Tooman, Leon Lee, Latoya Scott, Blake Gruel, Stephen Gaylets, Caroline Lovell, Jessica Mullen, and Kim Gardner

- A. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**
 - a. Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.**
 - b. MOTION made by Director Brown to enter an executive session, seconded by Director Merrick, motion carried.**
- B. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - a.** Section 30-4-70(a)(1) Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body.
 - b.** Section 30-4-70(a)(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.
- C. MOTION made by Director Merrick to end executive session, seconded by Director Sproul, motion carried. Director Cooper was absent from meeting after Executive session.**
- D. PUBLIC MEETING**
 - a. MISSION STATEMENT**
 - i. The Bridges Preparatory Mission Statement was recited aloud by Chairman Angelo.**
 - b. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - c. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**
 - i. Chairman Angelo stated that the media was notified of the meeting, including the listing on the BPS website and at all campus locations. It was done within the 24-hour requirement.**

d. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

1. Motion made by Director Merrick to adopt agenda with addition of items J and K in New Business, seconded by Director Sproul, motion carried.

e. CEO REPORT (Mr. McCulloch)

- i. Mr. McCulloch thanked the board for continuing to recognize and support the need for a fall break. Hope all the school community enjoyed their time with family and friends.
- ii. Mr. McCulloch thanked Directors Merrick and Director Brown for accompanying him to the Charter Schools “Kids First” Conference in September. The group was able to engage in discussion with other schools, and complete scenario Q&As with schools from around the state.
- iii. Congratulations to our fall sports teams on an outstanding season of growth, commitment, and competitive play.
- iv. A thank you to the businesses for their kind words, commitment to sponsorship, and support to our school. We have received 17 commitments from business partners over the last month.
- v. The new K-2 playground is complete and opened to students. Students are enjoying the new equipment.
- vi. The school received has received Tier 1 results under financial oversight. The status requires the following oversight for the 2021/2022 school year:
 1. Continue to submit all required documentation in a timely manner
 2. Site visits by Director of Federal programs upon request from school or if issue arises
 3. Attendance optional at federal programs trainings offered by the SCPCSD, but attendance is strongly encouraged
- vii. Our current enrollment is 1216 students with 5 offers out.
- viii. Like to thank all our families for their support. Very fortunate to have a positive environment that can truly grow our next leaders in a K-12 atmosphere. The input of parents is very important to him, as well as our school’s growth. He would like to invite any interested parents to a school improvement meeting that I like to call “Coffee and Conversation”. The first meeting will be from 10:45-12:15 on Thursday November 18th in the Elementary Media Center
- ix. Monday November 1st will the official kick-off with Booster-thon DJs on site to excite our school community for schools second Booster-thon. This is the school’s big fundraiser that focuses on character, fitness, teamwork, and leadership. Families will be receiving information for the next 2 weeks in support of this event that culminates with a fun run and color run. Families, please spread the word when you receive the link through your social media platforms. This is a great way to collect sponsorships from every stat and around the world. There will be special incentives and celebrations because of all the school community’s hard work.
- x. Congratulations to Bridges Preparatory School in being voted the Lowcountry’s Best Charter School!

f. PTO REPORT (Kim Gardner)

- i. In September the PTO Bylaws are revised
- ii. Working with CPA for tax returns
- iii. Staff sale going on
- iv. 4th annual food drive with Ameris Bank was a success!
- v. Spirit night tonight at Hearth Pizza

g. ATHLETICS REPORT

- i. Finished up fall sports
- ii. Started first girls golf team and
- iii. Successful Cross-Country meets
- iv. Volleyball finished 3rd in the region

- v. Basketball tryouts next week
- vi. Winter wrestling getting ready
- h. **CHARTER RENEWAL (Mr. McCulloch)**
 - i. Reschedule meeting to November 15th
- i. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT (Tom Angelo)**
 - i. Waiting for boots to come in to finish drainage downspouts
 - ii. Waiting on funding for gym
- j. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - i. Director Merrick presented the financial report for the month of September, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - ii. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to accept the August financials report with the stated corrections, seconded by Director Merrick, motion passed without dissent.
- k. **Announcements / Good of the Order**
 - i. Great that we are the top charter school in the Lowcountry
- l. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to approve the minutes from the September 21st, 2021, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passes.
- m. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - i. **MOTION** made by Director Merrick to swap Item A to E, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
 - ii. **School Audit**
 - 1. Ken Martin presented the yearly financial audit report, the details of which are available on a separate document.
 - iii. **Election of Vice Chair**
 - 1. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to nominate Bryan Merrick as Vice Chair, seconded by Director Sproul, motion passed without dissent.
 - iv. **Insurance for Boundary Street Property**
 - 1. **MOTION** made by Director Gault to add the Boundary Street property to our current policy if it does not exceed cost of a stand-alone policy, seconded by Director Sproul, the motion passed without dissent.
 - v. **Nominating committee update**
 - 1. Director Sproul gave an update on the nominating committee process. Voting started this morning and will go through Thursday.
 - vi. **Appointment for vacant Board of Directors position**
 - 1. Director Brown made a nominate Michelle Frasier to fill the vacant position, seconded by Director Gault, motion passed without dissent.
 - vii. **Service Agreements**
 - 1. **MOTION** made by Chair Angelo approve the standard service agreement without the additional cleanings, seconded by Director Merrick. Motion passed.
 - viii. **FOIA Policy**
 - 1. CEO presented a draft of the potential FOIA Policy.
 - ix. **School Report Card Improvement Plans**
 - 1. The principals for Elementary, Middle, and High School presented plans on how each area is planning on working on improving testing scores based on data from school report card.
 - x. **Teacher Certifications**
 - 1. Our teacher certification is at 86% per current documents.

xi. Athletic Policy

- 1. AD and AAD presented a draft of a potential Athletic Policy.**

xii. LBA Course Code Requests

- 1. MOTION made by Director Brown approve the LBA course code, seconded by Director Sproul. Motion passed.**

n. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- i. none**

o. Public Comment

- i. none**

p. ADJOURNMENT

- i. Next regular meeting confirmed for November 16th, 2021 @ 5:30 PM**
- ii. MOTION made by Director Merrick to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Director Sproul motion passed without dissent. Meeting officially adjourned at 8:52 PM.**

Approved by the Board: _____

Board Secretary or Board Chairperson Signature: _____